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Indiana Department of Labor Honors Southern Indiana Resource Solutions, Inc. in Boonville, Indiana with Safety Award

Indianapolis, IN September 17, 2008 – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the certification of Southern Indiana Resource Solutions, Inc. (SIRS) site in Boonville, Indiana in the Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (INSHARP). This is the second SIRS site to attain INSHARP certification, as a location in Ferdinand, Indiana was certified in October 2007.

INSHARP, one of Indiana's exemplary safety and health recognition programs, was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. Based on benchmarks for advancement and development of safety and health programs within the workplace, INSHARP status can be achieved when management and employees work together to create and maintain a safe and healthy work environment.

Celebrating the organization's 40th Anniversary, SIRS was formed in 1968 by citizens from Dubois, Perry, Spencer and Warrick counties. Today, SIRS employs nearly 200 employees organization-wide and provides developmental activities, educational experiences and employment services for adults and children with disabilities. "SIRS sites serve as models of occupational safety and health, and the IDOL is pleased to present an INSHARP award to SIRS for worker safety and health excellence. The commitment by the SIRS Board of Directors to the safety of their workforce is evident and is to be commended," Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres stated.

The INSHARP award ceremony was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 in Boonville, Indiana. The ceremony provided an opportunity for SIRS employees, staff, and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials and local elected officials.

To qualify for INSHARP participation, an employer's Days Away Restricted and Transferred rate (DART) must be below the national average for their respective Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)/North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The site is 40% below the industry average, with current DART rate of 2.4. "This achievement is even more extraordinary given SIRS unique workforce," added Torres.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Sean M. Keefer at (317) 232-2683 or skeefers@dol.in.gov.

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